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SUBJECT: FRG REACTION TO EIGHTH ANNIVERSARY OF SOVIET  
INTERVENTION IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA

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BEGIN SUMMARY: SEVERAL LEADING FRG POLITICAL FIGURES HAVE RECALLED THE AUGUST 21, 1968 MARCH BY SOVIET TROOPS INTO THE CSSR WITH STATEMENTS CRITICIZING CONTINUED REPRESSION IN THAT COUNTRY. IN VIEW OF THE UPCOMING NATIONAL BUNDESTAG ELECTION, A FEW SOUGHT TO GAIN POLITICAL MILEAGE IN SO DOING. WEST GERMAN REACTION TO THE SELF-IMMOLATION ATTEMPT OF AN EAST GERMAN PASTOR, ON THE OTHER HAND, APPEARS LIMITED THUS FAR TO ANALYTICAL MEDIA COVERAGE. END SUMMARY.

1. THE FIRST PUBLIC ATTENTION IN THE FRG ACCORDED THIS YEAR'S COMMEMORATION OF THE SOVIET "EINMARSCH" INTO CZECHOSLOVAKIA WAS A COMBINED PRESS CONFERENCE CALLED AUGUST 19 BY THE YOUNG SOCIALIST-(JUSOS), AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL, AND FORMER LEFTIST STUDENT LEADER RUDI DUTSCHKE. THEY DEMANDED THE IMMEDIATE RELEASE OF ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS IN THE CS. JUSO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER OTMAR SHREINER CHARGED THAT SEVERAL OF THE IMPRISONED "PRAGUE SPRING" LEADERS WERE BEING KEPT UNDER CONDITIONS HAZARDOUS TO HEALTH. (THIS MARKS AN EXPANSION OF JUSO EFFORTS DURING THE PAST YEAR TO FOCUS ATTENTION ON THE IMPRISONMENT OF JIRI MUELLER IN THAT COUNTRY.

2. CSU BUNDESTAG DEPUTY CARL SPRANGER COMMENTED SCARCASTICALLY THAT WHILE HE WELCOMED THE JUSO CONDEMNATION OF THE CZECH COMMUNIST GOVERNMENT, NONETHELESS HE WONDERED TO WHAT EXTENT IT WAS MOTIVATED BY AN EFFORT TO ATTRACT VOTES IN THE OCTOBER 3 ELECTION.

3. ON AUGUST 20, CDU CHANCELLOR-CANDIDATE HELMUT KOHL JOINED IN THE CRITICISM OF THE CSSR. SINCE 1968, KOHL CHARGED, WORLD COMMUNISM HAD NOT CHANGED ITS AIM, BUT HAD ONLY REGROUPED. HE ACCUSED THE SPD/FDP COALITION THAT IT "NEITHER WANTED TO GRASP THE NEW ATTITUDES OF WORLD COMMUNISM NOR WAS ABLE TO." KOHL DISTINGUISHED SIX TYPES OF COMMUNISM WHICH HE SAID THE SCHMIDT-GENSCHER GOVERNMENT FAILED PROPERLY TO UNDERSTAND:

-- CENTRAL COMMUNISM, IN WHICH THE SOVIET UNION LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MAINTAINS A DOMINATE MILITARY POSITION;

-- PACT COMMUNISM, WHEREBY THE EAST EUROPEAN LANDS ARE DEPENDENT UPON MOSCOW;

-- INTERVENTION COMMUNISM, AS DEMONSTRATED BY THE SOVIET USE OF CUBAN TROOPS IN ANGOLA;

- EURO-COMMUNISM, WHEREBY THOSE COMMUNIST PARTIES STILL DO NOT ACCEPT ANY DEMOCRATIC IMPROVEMENT AND HAVE NOT YET PROVED TO BE INDEPENDENT FROM MOSCOW;
- POPULAR-FRONT COMMUNISM, AS EXEMPLIFIED BY COMMUNIST PARTY ACTIVITY IN SEVERAL WESTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES;
- SUPPORT COMMUNISM, WHEREBY THE SOVIET UNION AND THE COMMUNIST PARTIES OF OTHER COUNTRIES INFILTRATE FREEDOM MOVEMENTS IN THE THIRD WORLD.

4. AT AN SPD RALLY IN STUTTGART ON AUGUST 21, PARTY CHAIRMAN WILLY BRANDT DECLARED THAT IT IS UNWORTHY OF

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THE PRAGUE GOVERNMENT TO REGARD SUCH A MAN AS FORMER  
CZECH CP CHIEF DUBECK AS AN OUTSIDER. AT THE SAME TIME  
BRANDT CAUTIONED AGAINST A RETURN TO A COLD WAR  
MENTALITY. HE REJECTED CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC CHARGES  
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THAT HIS PARTY DID NOT PAY SUFFICIENT ATTENTION TO EAST  
EUROPEAN HUMAN RIGHTS. HE ADDED THAT IT WAS CERTAIN THAT  
IF DUBCEK WERE NOT IN THE POSITION IN WHICH HE PRESENTLY  
FOUND HIMSELF, THEN THE CDU WOULD NOT BE PRAISING HIM  
BUT RATHER CONDEMNING HIM AS AN ENEMY OF FREEDOM.

5. IN CONTRAST, REACTION IN THE FRG TO THE ATTEMPTED  
SELF-IMMOLATION BY THE PROTESTANT PASTOR OSKAR  
BRUESEWITZ ON AUGUST 18, AS A PROTEST AGAINST GOVERNMENT  
DISCRIMINATION AGAINST CHRISTIANS IN THE GDR, HAS  
NOT BEEN POLITICIZED. THERE HAVE BEEN, HOWEVER, SEVERAL  
NEWS STORIES ABOUT PRESSURES PUT ON INDIVIDUALS LIVING IN  
COMMUNIST COUNTRIES TO CONFORM WITH ATHEISTIC DOCTRINES.  
THUS, TODAY'S EDITION OF "DIE WELT" INCLUDED COMPARATIVE  
STATISTICS SHOWING A SHARP DECLINE IN CHRISTIAN CON-  
FIRMATION IN THESE AND A CORRESPONDING INCREASE IN FDJ  
ACTIVITY AS A RESULT.  
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